

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/18/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____.

Detailed Action

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-5 are allowable over the prior art of record.

This application case has allowable parent case 09/585,774 which is US Patent 6,625,459 B1.

Claim 1 in this application is different from the claims in parent case (US 6,625,459) by having **the 4-QAM, QPSK or carrier amplitude modulation/phase modulation constellation.**

The following is the examiner's statement for the reasons of allowance:

Claims 1-5 are allowable over the prior art of record because the cited references fails to disclose singly, particularly, or in combination, the subject matter for a single carrier propagated signal comprising a preamble segment having a periodic plurality of preamble sequences, each preamble sequence containing **16-bit symbols generated in accordance with $1/32 \sum b_k b_{\text{mod}(k+n, 16)}^* = \{1, n=0 \text{ or } 0 \neq 0\}$; the 16-bit symbols belonging to a 4-quadrature amplitude modulation constellation QAM, a quadrature phase shifted keying modulation constellation QPSK, or a carrierless amplitude modulation/phase modulation constellation CAP; and a data segment appended to the preamble, the single carrier propagated signal being transmittable from a transmitter to a receiver over a communication channel.**

The closest prior arts from **Bjork et al.** (US 6,084,862) and **Mueller** (US 5,450,456) fail to teach the 16-bit preamble sequence b_k , according to the equation $1/32 \sum b_k b_{\text{mod}(k+n, 16)}^* = \{1, n=0 \text{ or } 0 \neq 0\}$, belonging to 4-QAM, QPSK or CAP constellation; the data segment appended to the preamble. **Langberg et al.** (US 5,852,603) teaches 4-CAP, N-CAP training

sequence, but fails to teach the 16-bit sequence from equation, $1/32 \sum b_k b_{\text{mod}(k+n, 16)}^* = \{1, n=0 \text{ or } 0 \text{ } n \neq 0\}$.

Bjork et al. (US 6,084,862) teaches the transmitting training sequence for synchronizing receiver (Fig. 2, Fig. 3, col. 3, lines 37-39; col. 5, lines 41-67; col. 5, lines 50-57), the processing of the received training sequence signal to determine from the received signal a channel estimate in accordance with: $\hat{h} = (S^H S)^{-1} S^H y$ (col. 7, line 5 to col. 8, line 51; \hat{h} is the derived channel model for channel estimate, the S is the known training sequence, and the y is the received training samples sequence in col. 7, line 43-67), the $B = (S^H S)^{-1} S^H$ and $B^H = S(S^H S)^{-1}$, used in the channel model estimation (col. 13, lines 1-24).

Muller (US5,450,456) teaches the measuring of the carrier frequency by transmitting a preamble test sequence for correct the oscillator frequency in the coded orthogonal FDM system (col. 2, lines 64-68), the constant amplitude zero autocorrelation sequence CAZAC for controlling of the time/frequency and phase of the transmitted symbols (col. 4, lines 1-17). The finite sequence x_i is shown in equation (4) (col. 4, lines 18-60) with the repeated four-value CAZAC sequences, the mod M preamble sequences x_i for deriving the frequency deviation such that the transmitter and receiver could match the carrier frequency precisely (col. 2, lines 52-61).

Langberg et al. (US 5,852,630) teaches the transmitting of the training sequence to train equalizer with channel parameters of the DSL communication channel (abstract, Fig. 1), the transmitting of **4-CAP, N-CAP training sequences** to train the equalizer 48 of the communication channel (col. 7, line 56 to col. 8, line 25). Langberg et al. fail to teach the above allowable features.

Raphaeli et al. (US 6,616,254 B1) teaches the **transmitting of the preamble sequence with, differentially coded shift key, onto the AC power line communication channel link** (abstract, col. 2, lines 33-39), **the preamble sequences (Fig. 1-4) with appended data 14 (Fig. 3).**

Scridhar et al. (US 5,347,539) teaches the two wire telephone line modem communication, and estimating channel characteristics (abstract, Fig. 1-2), **the probing of the channel characteristics of the telephone line** (col. 6, line 60 to col. 7, line 11).

John C. L. Ng et al. (IEEE 0900-6778/98, title – Complex optimal sequences with constant magnitude for fast channel estimation initialization) teaches the sounding sequences $\{b_k\}$ for estimating channel characteristics (abstract, equation (2) in section II channel estimation with optimal sequence).

Bar-David et al. (US 6,459,728) teaches the estimating channel impulse response using correlative channel sounding having 16 bits $b(k)$ in transmitted 26 bits training sequence (abstract, col. 3, lines 1-49, Fig. 2-3).

Other prior art are considered, they fail to teach the above claimed features.

Sriram (US 6,331,976 B1) teaches the packed data transmitted from T/R transmitter 10 to receivers RVCR1-N (Fig. 1-3, abstract, col. 3, lines 57-65). The packed data comprises the preamble bit 16-64 bits and the synchronization word, followed by user data (Fig. 3, col. 5, lines 5-12, col. 5, line 64; col. 15, line 54 to col. 16, lines 42), for matching the sample vector 34 of the preamble bit stream to the bit sequence b_1 - b_m , equation 4, col. 15, line 63).

Pukkila et al. (6,418,175 B1) teaches the training sequences for channel estimation, the 16-bit GSM training sequence 1-2 (abstract, Fig. 1-4, and col. 4, line 49 to col. 5, line 37).

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "comments on statement of reasons for allowance".

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Chow whose telephone number is (703)-306-5615.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (703)-305-4385.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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